

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To specify minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—110th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**H. R. 1585**

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WEBB

Viz:

1       At the end of subtitle C of title X, add the following:

2   **SEC. 1031. MINIMUM PERIODS BETWEEN DEPLOYMENT FOR**

3                   **UNITS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**

4                   **FORCES FOR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM**

5                   **AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.**

6       (a) MINIMUM PERIOD FOR UNITS AND MEMBERS OF

7   THE REGULAR COMPONENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—No unit or member of the  
2       Armed Forces specified in paragraph (3) may be de-  
3       ployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation  
4       Enduring Freedom (including participation in the  
5       NATO International Security Assistance Force (Af-  
6       ghanistan)) unless the period between the deploy-  
7       ment of the unit or member is equal to or longer  
8       than the period of such previous deployment.

9           (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON OPTIMAL MINIMUM  
10      PERIOD BETWEEN DEPLOYMENTS.—It is the sense  
11      of Congress that the optimal minimum period be-  
12      tween the previous deployment of a unit or member  
13      of the Armed Forces specified in paragraph (3) to  
14      Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring  
15      Freedom and a subsequent deployment of the unit  
16      or member to Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation  
17      Enduring Freedom should be equal to or longer than  
18      twice the period of such previous deployment.

19          (3) COVERED UNITS AND MEMBERS.—The  
20      units and members of the Armed Forces specified in  
21      this paragraph are as follows:

22           (A) Units and members of the regular  
23      Army.

24           (B) Units and members of the regular Ma-  
25      rine Corps.

1 (C) Units and members of the regular  
2 Navy.

3 (D) Units and members of the regular Air  
4 Force.

5 (E) Units and members of the regular  
6 Coast Guard.

7 (b) MINIMUM PERIOD FOR UNITS AND MEMBERS OF  
8 THE RESERVE COMPONENTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—No unit or member of the  
10 Armed Forces specified in paragraph (3) may be de-  
11 ployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation  
12 Enduring Freedom (including participation in the  
13 NATO International Security Assistance Force (Af-  
14 ghanistan)) if the unit or member has been deployed  
15 at any time within the three years preceding the  
16 date of the deployment covered by this subsection.

17 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MOBILIZATION  
18 AND OPTIMAL MINIMUM PERIOD BETWEEN DEPLOY-  
19 MENTS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

20 (A) the units and members of the reserve  
21 components of the Armed Forces should not be  
22 mobilized continuously for more than one year;  
23 and

24 (B) the optimal minimum period between  
25 the previous deployment of a unit or member of

1 the Armed Forces specified in paragraph (3) to  
2 Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Endur-  
3 ing Freedom and a subsequent deployment of  
4 the unit or member to Operation Iraqi Freedom  
5 or Operation Enduring Freedom should be five  
6 years.

7 (3) COVERED UNITS AND MEMBERS.—The  
8 units and members of the Armed Forces specified in  
9 this paragraph are as follows:

10 (A) Units and members of the Army Re-  
11 serve.

12 (B) Units and members of the Army Na-  
13 tional Guard.

14 (C) Units and members of the Marine  
15 Corps Reserve.

16 (D) Units and members of the Navy Re-  
17 serve.

18 (E) Units and members of the Air Force  
19 Reserve.

20 (F) Units and members of the Air Na-  
21 tional Guard.

22 (G) Units and members of the Coast  
23 Guard Reserve.

24 (c) WAIVER BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President  
25 may waive the limitation in subsection (a) or (b) with re-

1 spect to the deployment of a unit or member of the Armed  
2 Forces specified in such subsection if the President cer-  
3 tifies to Congress that the deployment of the unit or mem-  
4 ber is necessary to meet an operational emergency posing  
5 a threat to vital national security interests of the United  
6 States.

7 (d) WAIVER BY MILIARY CHIEF OF STAFF OR COM-  
8 MANDANT FOR VOLUNTARY MOBILIZATIONS.—

9 (1) ARMY.—With respect to the deployment of  
10 a member of the Army who has voluntarily re-  
11 quested mobilization, the limitation in subsection (a)  
12 or (b) may be waived by the Chief of Staff of the  
13 Army (or the designee of the Chief of Staff of the  
14 Army).

15 (2) NAVY.—With respect to the deployment of  
16 a member of the Navy who has voluntarily requested  
17 mobilization, the limitation in subsection (a) or (b)  
18 may be waived by the Chief of Naval Operations (or  
19 the designee of the Chief of Naval Operations).

20 (3) MARINE CORPS.—With respect to the de-  
21 ployment of a member of the Marine Corps who has  
22 voluntarily requested mobilization, the limitation in  
23 subsection (a) or (b) may be waived by the Com-  
24 mandant of the Marine Corps (or the designee of the  
25 Commandant of the Marine Corps).

1           (4) AIR FORCE.—With respect to the deploy-  
2           ment of a member of the Air Force who has volun-  
3           tarily requested mobilization, the limitation in sub-  
4           section (a) or (b) may be waived by the Chief of  
5           Staff of the Air Force (or the designee of the Chief  
6           of Staff of the Air Force).

7           (5) COAST GUARD.—With respect to the deploy-  
8           ment of a member of the Coast Guard who has vol-  
9           untarily requested mobilization, the limitation in  
10          subsection (a) or (b) may be waived by the Com-  
11          mandant of the Coast Guard (or the designee of the  
12          Commandant of the Coast Guard).